

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/659,337
Reply to Office Action dated May 21, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are pending in this application, none of which have been amended. No new claims have been added.

The Examiner has indicated that Figs. 8A to 8E should be labeled "Prior Art". Accordingly, corrected prints of Figs. 8A-8E are attached herein.

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,703,683 to Tanimura (hereinafter "Tanimura").

Tanimura has a U.S. filing date of June 5, 2001, which is subsequent to the foreign priority date of May 31, 2001 claimed in the instant application. Thus, this rejection may be overcome by filing a verified English translation of foreign priority document Japanese Patent Application 2001-165701, filed May 31, 2001, which is attached hereto.

Accordingly, the 35 USC §102(e) rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1 and 3 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,538,210 to Sugaya et al. (hereinafter "Sugaya et al.").

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Sugaya et al. discloses a circuit component built-in module.

The Examiner has urged that metal protective film 206 covers all of the upper surface and side surfaces of the resin insulating film 200.

Applicant respectfully disagrees. Fig. 2H shows only an upper surface being covered, and not the side surfaces, as required in claim 1 of the instant application.

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Thus, the 35 USC §102(e) rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims 1-3 are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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Enclosures: Replacement Sheets of Drawing (Figs. 8A-8E)
English translation of Japanese Patent Application 2001-165701

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